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FOLLOWING REUTERS ITEM NO. 743 1/17/74, 1937 EDT, REPEATED
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1. DAMASCUS, JAN. 17, REUTER -- SYRIA TONIGHT THREATENED
TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EGYPT FOLLOWING
ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT TO
DISENGAGE THEIR FORCES ON THE SUEZ CANAL, AUTHORITATIVE
SOURCES SAID HERE.

2. THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE NATIONAL FRONT, WHICH
GROUPS THE RULING BAATH ARAB SOCIALIST PARTY AND OTHER
NATIONAL PROGRESSIVE PARTIES IN SYRIA AND IS HEADED BY
PRESIDENT HAFEZ AL-ASSAD, WAS CALLED INTO IMMEDIATE SESSION
FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT,
THE SOURCES SAID.

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3. THE SOURCES SAID THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES REGARDED THE AGREEMENT AS A "UNIQUE PAGE OF TREACHERY AGAINST THE SYRIAN PEOPLE AND ARMY AND AGAINST THE WHOLE ARAB NATION."

4. THEY SAID THE AUTHORITIES HERE, CONSIDER THAT "THIS UNILATERAL AGREEMENT WILL ONLY LEAD TO THE LIQUIDATION OF ARAB INTERESTS AS A WHOLE AND THE LIQUIDATION OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IN THE INTEREST OF WORLD ZIONISM."

5. THE SOURCES ADDED: "THE SYRIAN AUTHORITIES ARE EXPECTED TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH EGYPT AND TO WITHDRAW SYRIAN MEMBERS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF ARAB REPUBLICS (WHICH GROUPS SYRIA, EGYPT AND LIBYA) AND FROM THE FEDERATIONS NATIONAL ASSEMBLY BECAUSE THESE AUTHORITIES CONSIDER THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR THEIR REMAINING IN THEIR POSTS ANY MORE."
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